

REMARKS

The present application has been carefully studied and amended in view of the outstanding Office Action dated December 8, 2003, and the application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

As noted in the Office Action, claims 15 and 21 are directed to allowable subject matter, but these claims are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 15 has now been rewritten in dependent form and as amended it includes recitations of the base claim. Claim 15 is now believed to be in condition for allowance along with dependent claims 14, 16 and 17 which depend from claim 15 either directly or indirectly.

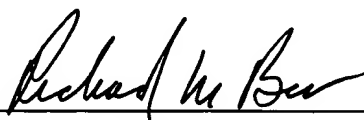
Additionally, claim 18 has been amended to include all of the limitations of allowed dependent claim 21. Accordingly, claim 18 is in condition for allowance along with claim 19 which depends therefrom.

Remaining claims 1-7, 9-13, 20 and 21 have been cancelled.

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, and Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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